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## HUNG THE TRIAL JURY

### TRIAL OF CHAS. LASSETER FOR KILLING IRA LANE-SEVEN TO FIVE.

The Lassetter murder case has occupied the attention of the court during the past week and required from Friday until Monday afternoon to secure the jury which was as follows: J. B. Wallace, J. I. Hobbs, Clarence Duxvalder, C. E. Stiles, J. A. Hardy, Arthur Heath, Dan Eiper, A. M. Hooser, G. M. Dison, L. E. Hayes, T. J. Fletcher, J. D. McClelland.

District Attorney K. K. Seo it represented the state and Osburn and Robinson the defense. Twenty-two witnesses were examined and were drawn from Brown, Kimbel and Winkler counties, Texas, and several from the southeastern portion of this county where the killing occurred. Two brothers and one uncle, J. D. Briscoe and W. R. Richardson, a cousin of the defendant came by auto from their Texas homes and gave the case close attention from the start.

Ira Lane, the deceased and Charles Lassetter were partners in the mule and horse business and were ranching about forty miles south west from Carlsbad in Eddy county having leased a well from A. L. Woodley. They had a tent at the well at which the killing occurred. A. L. Woodley and Joe Miller were in the tent at the time of the shooting.

A witness testified that Lassetter did not have arms of any kind there that Lane had in his tent a 45 automatic colts six shooter, a 38 single automatic six shooter, a 25, 35 Winchester rifle at the time of the shooting. That Lane had made threats against the defendant. Messrs. Coats, Cox, Burts and Ray Moore brought the body to town and were autopsy witnesses. Dr. Lauer for the defense and Pate for the state. Their testimony was contradictory only in one statement that two shots had struck the body. A. L. Woodley testified that the first shot came from the direction of the mules where the Lane brothers were with their team.

J. H. English swore that Lane and himself had been talking previously and in the conversation Lane told him he had taken his kid brother in as a partner and he wanted to get Lassetter out, that he had abused him cursed him, in every way and could not get rid of him and now must get rid of him.

Lassetter's evidence was to the effect that he had been milking, was a wolf, came in, put the milk pail down, took the shot gun out and saw some horse coming set the gun against the corner of the tent, watered the horses, turned them out and closed the gate again.

Young Lane testified they drove up unhitched the mules and tied ropes on their necks. They had been working on a wind mill, were in their shirt sleeves and unarmed. Another witness testified the dead man had a pistol on him when they came. Five witnesses from Brownwood testified that Lane's reputation was bad.

The jury was out 48 hours and could not agree and reported a hung jury—7 for acquittal and 5 for conviction. The jury was discharged last night at ten o'clock. The killing occurred last April and was reported at the time to have been without provocation.

The following cases were also disposed of:

Sitio Madrid burglary. Sentenced to pen for three, not less than 2 1/2 years.

Calvin Cobb, assault and battery. He was fined \$25.00 and costs and sixty days in jail. The jail sentence was suspended during good behavior.

Joe Bunch found guilty in second account.

Lorenzo Ortega, theft of pistols was sentenced to the pen for 15 months.

Matias Siaz murder sent to reform school ten years.

Barnest Lucas taking automobile without consent of the owner. Pun-

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### ELECTION PROCLAMATION

By the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, New Mexico.

WHEREAS, By Section 1977 of the New Mexico Statutes codification of 1915, it is made the duty of the Board of County Commissioners of each county in the State of New Mexico to proclaim the elections that are to be held in the respective counties for the purpose of voting for candidates for the different offices and other matters and to do so ten days before the election, by proclamation and to be published in each of the two leading newspapers published in the said county, and give public notice of the objects of the election and the offices to be voted for and names of the candidates for each of said offices as the names are on file in the office of the county clerk, and the post office address of each of said candidates and the place where said election is to be held in each precinct in said county, and where there are no daily newspapers published in said county, said notices may be inserted in a weekly newspaper; and where the same is inserted in a weekly newspaper, it must be inserted at least 2 issues before the day that said election is to be held.

NOW THEREFORE, We the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, New Mexico, pursuant to law, and the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim and order an election to be held in Eddy County, State of New Mexico, on TUESDAY, 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 1916.

We do further proclaim that at said election the qualified voters of said county shall vote for the following officers to be elected by the state at large:

1. United States Senator to serve the term of 6 years.  
1. Representative in Congress to serve the term of 2 years.  
1. Governor to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Lieutenant Governor to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Secretary of State to serve the term of 2 years.

1. State Auditor to serve the term of 2 years.

1. State Treasurer to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Attorney General to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Superintendent of Public Instruction to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Commissioner of Public Lands to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Judge of the Supreme Court to serve the term of 8 years.

1. State Corporation Commissioner to serve the term of 6 years.

We do further proclaim that at said election the qualified voters of the county of Eddy shall vote for the following officer to be elected by the 5th Judicial District of the State of New Mexico:

1. District attorney to serve the term of two years.

We do further proclaim that at said election the qualified electors of said County of Eddy shall vote for the following officers to be elected by the County of Eddy:

1. State Senator to serve the term of 2 years.

2. Representatives to the State Legislature to serve the term of 2 years.

1. County Commissioner of the first district to serve the term of 2 years.

1. County Commissioner of the second district to serve the term of 2 years.

1. County Commissioner of the third district to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Probate Judge to serve the term of 2 years.

1. County Clerk to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Sheriff to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Assessor to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Treasurer to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Superintendent of Schools to serve the term of 2 years.

1. Surveyor to serve the term of 2 years.

We do further proclaim that the names of the candidates on the various tickets submitted at said election addresses on file in the office of the county clerk are as follows:

Democratic Ticket.

For Presidential Electors, Felix Garcia of Lumberton, N. M.

J. N. Upton of Deming, N. M.

Joe G. Chaves of Los Lunas, N. M.

For Representative in Congress, W. E. Walton of Silver City, N. M.

For United States Senator, A. A. Jones of East Las Vegas, N. M.

For Governor, E. C. deBaca of Las Vegas, N. M.

For Lieutenant Governor, W. C. McDonald of Carrizozo, N. M.

For Secretary of State, Antonio Lucero of Las Vegas, N. M.

For State Auditor, Miguel A. Otero of Santa Fe, N. M.

For State Treasurer, H. L. Hall of Chama, N. M.

For Attorney General, Harry L. Patton of Clovis, N. M.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. L. G. Swinney of Artesia, N. M.

For Commissioner of Public Lands, George A. Davidson of Roswell, N. M.

For Justice of the Supreme Court, Neill B. Field of Albuquerque, N. M.

For State Corporation Commissioner, Bonifacio Montoya of Bernalillo, N. M.

For State Senator Twentieth District, M. P. Sken of Artesia, N. M.

For State Representatives Nineteenth District, P. S. Eaves of Lovington, N. M.

Carl B. Livingston of Carlsbad, N. M.

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## SHE KNOWS HIM BY THE SPOTS.



Miss New Mexico: "Aren't you the same man I turned down five years ago?"

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